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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 18, 2007

This reply is being filed electronically.

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2007 concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111, 37 CFR § 1.115, or 37 CFR § 1.116. Applicants submit the following remarks and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and pass the claims to allowance.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.